

September 20, 2010

Dear Parent or Guardian,

To start the school year, we are studying astronomy in Science and map skills in Social Studies. We will be taking a field trip on Wednesday, October 27, to experience more with these topics. We will go to the Charles Horwitz Planetarium at the Retzer Nature Center in Waukesha to see the show, Journey to the Stars. This presentation will allow us to see close-up views of the sun, moon, and planets. Then it will take the audience into deep space to explore white dwarfs, neutron stars, and black holes. Also in this program scientists explore some of the most current trends in human and robotic space exploration.

While at the Retzer Nature Center property we will participate in geocaches or map skills scavenger hunts. After the activities at the Retzer Nature Center, we will travel to Lapham Peak. Students need to bring a bag lunch. The cost of the trip will be \$7 per student.

The day of our field trip is an early release so students will miss most of their classes that day. We will need to leave SLI after our explore class in the morning at 8:20 a.m. We will return to school at 12:20 p.m. which is a half an hour before dismissal that day to reflect on the day's activities. Your \$7 fee for the planetarium and transportation along with your attached permission slip are due to your child's homeroom teacher by Friday, October 1<sup>st</sup>.

We are looking forward to a great experience!

Mindy Charles	Tamie Hall
Colleen Gitter	Kaylyn Riemersma
Ted Schmidt	Laura Janis
Kerry Robbins	Patrick Middleton

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If you would like to join us and lead a small group during the geo-caching activity, please fill out the bottom of this slip and return it to your child's teacher as soon as possible.

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Adult Name (Printed)

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Child's Name (Printed)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone Number

\*\*You also need to complete the volunteer background form if you would like to be a part of this trip (or any in the future.)

## OCONOMOWOC AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

We, as parents or guardians of \_\_\_\_\_

Grant Our Permission   Do Not Grant Our Permission

and consent for such child to participate in the field trip to Retzer Nature Center

to be held on October 27, 2010.

In granting such permission and consent, we specifically recognize that such consent and participation in specified trip is voluntary and that failure to grant consent will in no way result in any impact on the grade of such child for failure to participate in the trip.

In granting such permission and consent, we:

1. Acknowledge and assume full responsibility for any and all damage to person or property caused by our child or ward during such activity.
2. Expressly authorize emergency medical or dental treatment deemed necessary by the school district, its agents, and employees during such activity.
3. Expressly agree that in the event that any disciplinary action or the health of my child requires that my child be returned home during such activity that such return shall be accomplished at our expense.

- ☐ Information on beginning-of-the-year Registration/Health and Emergency Care form is current and accurate.
- ☐ Changes or additions to Health and Emergency Care information:

During the field trip I can be reached at: \_\_\_\_\_

Finally, we expressly acknowledge that we have carefully read this statement and understand its impact and effect. We acknowledge and understand that if we have any questions in regard to this statement that we have exercised our right to have it reviewed and further explained to us prior to our signing.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Parent/Guardian Signature)

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(Date)